

REMARKS

Claims 6-17, 24-44, 47-49, and 51-54 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner, with Claims 1-5, 18-23, 45, 46, 50, and 51 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 19-30 were objected to because of informalities.

By the instant amendment, Claim 19 has been cancelled and this cancellation obviates the objection.

Claims 1-5, 8, 18-23, 27-30, 45-46, and 50-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Troemel in view of alleged admitted prior art (AAPA) and Sato.

The cancellation of these claims obviates the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 9-17, 31-44, and 47-49 are allowed.

Furthermore, Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 6, 7, 24-26, and 52-54 if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

By the instant amendment, these claims have been placed in independent form or at least to depend from a claim that has been placed in independent form, and consequently these claims are now allowable too.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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